Mr. Ananthiah.—

Would not the Oliver Machine have been better for use in Government offices?

First Member of Council.—

It is a question of opinion.

Mr. Ananthiah.—

How many Oliver machines are in use in Government offices?

Dewan.—

That question requires notice.

Mr. Ananthiah.—

Did not the Oliver machines work properly and if so why were they not adopted?

First Member of Council.—

The Committee after taking into consideration all the aspects of the question, decided upon the Remington Machine as being in the best interests of Government. They discussed this question at several meetings and took considerable time to come to a final decision.

Mr. Byanna.—

If the Government come to know later that other machines are more durable than Remington, can the Government cancel the agreement that they have entered into with the Remington Company.

First Member of Council.—

Not until the period of the present contract expires.

BY MESSRS. B. GOPALACHAR, TUDKI RAMANNA, AND H. S. VENKATAPPA GOWDA (Tirthahalli Taluk Constituency).—

Q.—23. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) The number of small cause suits, original suits, execution petitions and miscellaneous applications filed in the Munsiffs' Courts at Shimoga and Sagar and in the Subordinate Judge's Court at Shimoga, during the last five years.

(*b*) The amount of court-fees realised by the Courts.

(*c*) The amount of civil litigation of each taluk of the Shimoga District as indicated (1) by the number of suits, execution petitions, miscellaneous applications, filed by or on behalf of residents of the taluk or involving land situated in the taluk or for which the cause of action has arisen in the taluk; (2) by the amount of court-fees realised in suits, petitions, applications, specified in (1) above.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LOCAL AND LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—23. (*a*) A statement embodying such information as is readily available is placed on the table (*vide* Appendix IV). Information in respect of other matters referred to in the interpellation has been called for and has not yet been received.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

With regard to the last portion of the answer to question 23, will the Government be pleased to state when the information will be ready?

Secretary to Government, Local and Legislative Departments.—

As soon as it is ready, it will be given.

BY MESSRS. B. GOPALACHAR, TUDKI RAMANNA, AND H. S. VENKATAPPA GOWDA (Tirthahalli Taluk Constituency).—

Q.—24. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) Whether malnad allowance is given to all the officials of all departments in the malnad, irrespective of their pay?

(2) If not, the reasons for giving only to some may be stated as also whether it is intended to extend the concession to all.

(3) What is the amount of annual expenditure on this account?